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SUBJECT: NSF/CNR MEETING PROPOSED FOR JUNE BY CNR PRESIDENT
QUAGLIARELLO TO DR. RICHARD C. ATKINSON, DIRECTOR, NSF.

1. FOLLOWING TEXT OF TELEGRAM RECEIVED BY NSF APRIL 24,
1978. QUOTE: WITH REFERENCE TO PREVIOUS AGREEMENTS THROUGH
ITALIAN EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON I CONFIRM YOU MY INVITATION
FOR SOME DAYS IN ROME SECOND WEEK OF JUNE IN ORDER TO
DISCUSS IMPLEMENTATION OF USA/ITALY AGREEMENT ON SCIENTIFIC
COOPERATION BY NSF AND CNR. PLEASE KINDLY SPECIFY INTERESTS
IN VISITING CNR LABORATORIES IF ANY AND NAMES OF MEMBERS OF
NSF DELEGATION. LOOKING FORWARD TO RECEIVING YOUR ACCEPT-
ANCE. YOURS TRULY. QUAGLIARELLO PRESIDENTE CORICERCHE.
UNQUOTE.

2. PLEASE TRANSMIT TO CNR FOLLOWING RESPONSE ON BEHALF OF
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DR. ATKINSON. QUOTE: THANK YOU FOR YOUR KIND INVITATION TO
ATTEND PROPOSED NSF/CNR MEETING SECOND WEEK OF JUNE. REGRET
UNABLE TO COME AT SUGGESTED DATE. ALSO BELIEVE THAT LEAD
TIME NECESSARY FOR THOROUGH PREPARATION OF PROPOSED NSF/CNR
MEETING NOT SUFFICIENT. THEREFORE SUGGEST PROPOSED MEETING
BE CONSIDERED FOR LATER THIS YEAR. HOWEVER IN RESPONSE TO
YOUR INVITATION, I HAVE ASKED DR. GEORGE C. PIMENTEL, DEPUTY

DIRECTOR, NSF AND DR. HARVEY AVERCH, ASSISTANT DIRECTOR FOR

SCIENTIFIC TECHNOLOGICAL AND INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS, NSF TO VISIT YOU AT THE CNR JUNE 5 AND 6, IN ORDER TO MEET WITH YOU, AND OTHER OFFICIALS YOU MAY WISH TO SUGGEST, TO DISCUSS THE TERMS OF REFERENCE AND PREPARATORY STEPS FOR SUCH A MEETING. DR. PIMENTEL IS INTERESTED IN VISITING ONE OR TWO CNR INSTITUTIONS CONCERNED WITH CHEMISTRY AND PHYSICS ESPECIALLY LASER PHYSICS, LASER SPECTROSCOPY AND LASERS IN CHEMISTRY WHILE DR. AVERCH IS INTERESTED IN VISITING INSTITUTIONS CONCERNED WITH SYSTEMS ANALYSIS, COMPUTER SCIENCE, SOCIAL SCIENCES AND ECONOMICS, PROVIDED SUCH INSTITUTIONS ARE IN OR NEAR ROME. DRS. PIMENTEL AND AVERCH WILL BE ACCOMPANIED BY MR. HENRYK UZNANSKI OF OUR DIVISION OF INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMS. AGAIN THANK YOU FOR YOUR INVITATION. BEST PERSONAL REGARDS, RICHARD C. ATKINSON.

3. NSF APPROACHED UNOFFICIALLY TWO MONTHS AGO BY ITALIAN EMBASSY SCICOUN RATTI REGARDING AVAILABILITY OF ATKINSON AND PIMENTEL RESPECTIVELY DIRECTOR AND DEPUTY DIRECTOR NSF FOR A VISIT TO ROME. RATTI WAS TOLD THAT REGARDLESS OF AVAILABILITY OF NSF OFFICIALS IN WASHINGTON AT ANY GIVEN DATE, NO DECISION AS TO PARTICIPATION IN ANY PROPOSED MEETING COULD BE MADE BEFORE RECEIVING OFFICIAL INVITATION. SUBSEQUENTLY RATTI STATED BY TELEPHONE THAT HE WAS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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AUTHORIZED BY ROME TO EXTEND UNOFFICIALLY INVITATION FOR ATKINSON AND PIMENTEL TO COME TO ROME JUNE 1 AND 2. RATTI AGAIN WAS TOLD THAT NO RESPONSE FROM NSF COULD BE FORTHCOMING BEFORE RECEIVING OFFICIAL INVITATION. RATTI STATED HE UNDERSTOOD AND THAT OFFICIAL INVITATION WOULD BE FORTHCOMING SOON FROM MINISTER OF SCIENCE OR CNR. NO INVITATION RECEIVED UNTIL ABOVE TELEGRAM OF APRIL 24.

4. NSF BELIEVES THAT LEAD TIME REMAINING TO PREPARE SUGGESTED MEETING COMPLETELY INADEQUATE. HENCE SUGGESTION TO POSTPONE MEETING UNTIL LATER THIS YEAR. NSF BELIEVES CLARIFICATION MUST BE OBTAINED FROM CNR WHETHER SUGGESTED MEETING INTENDED TO REVIEW ONLY NSF/CNR COOPERATIVE PROGRAM OR WHETHER MEETING INTENDED TO REVIEW ENTIRE INTERGOVERNMENTAL US-ITALY AGREEMENT FOR S&T COOPERATION FOR WHICH CNR AND NSF ARE EXECUTIVE AGENCIES. VISIT BY DR. AVERCH IS DESIGNED TO GET ACQUAINTED WITH EMBASSY AND CNR OFFICIALS, AISCUSS WITH EMBASSY AND CNR OFFICIALS AND DISCUSS WITH EMBASSY AND CNR PRELIMINARY STEPS IN PREPARATION FOR A LATER MEETING.

5. REQUEST EMBASSY REACTION AND TELEGRAPHIC BRIEFING ON

ORGANIZATIONAL CHANGES PRESENTLY OCCURRING WITHIN CNR AS WELL AS CURRENT POLITICAL CLIMATE.

6. REQUEST EMBASSY ADVISE WHEN DRS. PIMENTEL AND AVERCH COULD PAY A COURTESY CALL ON AMBASSADOR GARDNER AND SCIATT SERWER, PREFERABLY JUNE 5 EARLY MORNING. FOR YOUR INFORMATION ETA PIMENTEL, AVERCH, AND UZNANSKI SUNDAY JUNE 4 TWA FLIGHT 810 ARRIVING ROME 12:05 PM ETD WEDNESDAY JUNE 7 TWA 847 AT 11:35 AM. PLEASE ARRANGE EMBASSY CAR ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE.

7. NSF WILL KEEP EMBASSY INFORMED ON FURTHER DEVELOPMENTS. CHRISTOPHER

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